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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON ITS THIRTIETH SESSION

Draft report

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INTRODUCTION

1. The Commission on Population and Development held its thirtieth session at United Nations Headquarters from 24 to 28 February 1997.

Chapter I

MATTERS CALLING FOR ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OR BROUGHT TO ITS ATTENTION

(To be completed)

Chapter II

GENERAL DEBATE ON NATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN POPULATION MATTERS

2. The Commission on Population and Development held a general discussion of item 3 of its agenda, entitled "General debate on national experience in population matters", at its 3rd to 5th meetings, on 25 and 26 February 1997.

3. At the 3rd meeting, on 25 February, the Director of the Population Division made a statement.

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Algeria, Malta, China, the Philippines, Tunisia, Mexico, India, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Turkey, the United States of America, Panama, El Salvador and the Republic of Korea.

5. At the 4th meeting, on 25 February, statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Malaysia, Egypt, Italy, Japan, Ukraine, Peru and Jamaica and the observers for Poland and the Holy See.

6. At the 5th meeting, on 26 February, statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Lesotho.

Chapter III

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT: INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

7. The Commission on Population and Development held a general discussion of item 4 of its agenda, entitled "Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development: international migration", at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 24 February 1997. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Concise report of the Secretary-General on world population monitoring, 1997: international migration and development (E/CN.9/1997/2);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of population programmes (E/CN.9/1997/3);

(c) Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Task Force on Basic Social Services for All (E/CN.9/1997/4);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the area of international migration (E/CN.9/1997/5);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the flow of financial resources in international assistance for population (E/CN.9/1997/6).

8. At the 1st meeting, on 24 February, the Director of the Population Division made an introductory statement.

9. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Assistant Director of the Population Division, who introduced the concise report of the Secretary-General on world population monitoring, 1997: international migration and development (E/CN.9/1997/2), and the Director of the Technical and Evaluation Division of the United Nations Population Fund, who introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of population programmes (E/CN.9/1997/3).

10. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Turkey, Peru, the United States of America, Jamaica, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Egypt, China, Nigeria, Turkey and Japan and the observer for Norway. The representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization also made a statement.

11. At the 2nd meeting, on 24 February, statements were made by the Deputy Director of the Technical and Evaluation Division of the United Nations Population Fund, who introduced the report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Task Force on Basic Social Services for All (E/CN.9/1997/4), the Assistant Director of the Population Division, who introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the area of international migration (E/CN.9/1997/5), and the representative of the Population Data Policy and Research Branch of the Technical and Evaluation Division of the United Nations Population Fund, who introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the flow of financial resources in international assistance for population (E/CN.9/1997/6).

12. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), Canada, Brazil, Peru, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, the United States of America and Jamaica. The representative of the International Organization for Migration also made a statement.

Chapter IV

PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

13. The Commission on Population and Development held a general discussion of item 5 of its agenda, entitled "Programme questions", at its 5th and 6th meetings, on 26 February 1997. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the progress of work in the field of population in 1996: Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis of the United Nations Secretariat (E/CN.9/1997/7);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed programme of work in population for the biennium 1998-1999 (E/CN.9/1997/8);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on world demographic trends (E/CN.9/1997/9);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed programme of work for the biennium 1998-1999: population (Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis of the United Nations Secretariat) (E/CN.9/1997/CRP.1).

14. At the 5th meeting, on 26 February, the Director of the Population Division made an introductory statement. Statements were also made by the Chief of the Fertility and Family Planning Section, the Chief of the Mortality and Migration

Section, the representative of the Population Estimates and Projections Section and the Chief of the Population Policy Section of the Population Division.

15. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Germany, India, Malaysia, Italy, Hungary, Jamaica, the United States of America, Nigeria, France, the Netherlands, the Philippines and the Syrian Arab Republic. The representative of the Economic Commission for Europe made a statement.

16. At the 6th meeting, statements were made by the Chief of the Population and Development Section and the Assistant Director of the Population Division and the Chief of the International Trade Statistics Branch of the United Nations Statistics Division and the Director of the Population Division.

17. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of France, India, the United States of America, Hungary, Nigeria, Turkey, Jamaica, Canada, Peru, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Netherlands and the observer of Norway.

18. Statements were also made by the representatives of the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

Chapter V

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

(To be completed)

Chapter VI

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON ITS THIRTIETH SESSION

(To be completed)

Chapter VII

ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

19. The Commission on Population and Development held its thirtieth session at United Nations Headquarters from 24 to 28 February 1997. The Commission held __ meetings (1st to ___).

20. The session was opened by the Director of the Population Division of the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis.

21. Introductory statements were made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund and the Director of the Population Division.

B. Attendance

22. The session was attended by __ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for one non-member State also attended. Representatives of specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations also attended. A list of participants is given in annex __ to the present report (annex to be included).

C. Election of officers

23. At the 1st and 2nd meetings, on 24 February 1997, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman: José Gomez de León (Mexico)

Vice-Chairmen: András Klinger (Hungary)
Jenny Gierveld (Netherlands)
Akintobi Kadejo (Nigeria)

Vice-Chairman-cum Rapporteur: Raj Abdul Karim (Malaysia)

D. Agenda

24. At the 1st meeting, on 24 February, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.9/1997/2. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. General debate on national experience in population matters.

4. Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development: international migration.

5. Programme questions:

   (a) Programme performance and implementation in 1996;

   (b) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 1998-1999.

6. Provisional agenda for the thirty-first session of the Commission.

7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirtieth session.

E. Documentation

25. The documents before the Commission at its thirtieth session are listed in annex __ to the present report (annex to be included).

F. Consultation with non-governmental organizations

26. In accordance with rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council, made statements in connection with agenda item 4:

General: International Confederation of Free Trade Unions

Special: International Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centres

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population